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SUBJ: NON-ALIGNED AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. WEEKEND NATIONAL TIMES CARRIES FULL PAGE ADVERTISEMENT FOR NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR AN INDEPENDENT AND NON-ALIGNED AUSTRALIA OCTOBER 1 TO 3 IN MELBOURNE. BASIC SPONSORS ARE AUSTRALIAN PEACE LIAISON COMMITTEE WHICH HAS ALL KINDS COMMUNIST TIES GOING BACK TO STOCKHOLM PEACE APPEAL OF THE 1950'S. APPEAL READS:

QUOTE WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, CONSIDER THAT: MILITARY ALLIANCES ARE A SOURCE OF INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS. THEY LEAD TO SUBORDINATION OF WEAKER NATIONS TO BIGGER POWERS, AND OFTEN INVOLVE THE ALIGNED NATIONS IN MILITARY INTERVENTIONS. FOREIGN MILITARY BASES ON OUR SOIL ARE DETRIMENTAL TO AUSTRALIA'S SAFETY. THEY CONSTITUTE A THREAT TO OTHER NATIONS, MAKE THIS CONTINENT A POTENTIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NUCLEAR TARGET, AND COULD BE USED BY THE USA CONTRARY TO

OUR WISHES AND SAFETY. USA-AUSTRALIAN ALLIANCE DRAGGED US INTO THE VIETNAM WAR. AUSTRALIA'S MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE USA, SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA COULD INVOLVE US IN MILITARY ACTIONS IN SOUTH EAST ASIA IN SUPPORT OF UNPOPULAR REGIMES..IN NEW VIETNAMES. THEREFORE, WE THE UNDERSIGNED, SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN FOR AN INDEPENDENT AND NON-ALIGNED AUSTRALIA, WHICH STANDS FOR: MUTUAL RESPECT FOR THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF ALL NATIONS; EQUALITY OF NATIONAL RIGHTS; OPPOSITION TO MILITARY ALLIANCES, FOREIGN MILITARY BASES AND MILITARY INTERVENTIONS; AND SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL AND SOCIAL LIBERATION. END QUOTE END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT: MANY SIGNERS OF APPEAL ARE KNOWN FOR LEFT-WING OR COMMUNIST VIEWS INCLUDING SOME WELL-KNOWN POLITICAL FIGURES SUCH AS FORMER DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER CHAIRNS, SENATOR CAVANAGH, AND SENATOR GIETZELT OF NEW SOUTH WALES AMONG OTHERS. HOWEVER, ENDORSEMENT BY BOB HAWKE OF ACTU AND PETER REDLICH, SECRETARY OF VICTORIA ALP HAVE BEEN TAKEN AS SURPRISING BY TE PRESS IN GENERAL WHICH ALSO REPORTS THAT SPONSORS TIRED GET WHITLAM'S ENDORSEMENT AS WELL AS THAT OF OTHER LEADING ALP POLITICIANS LIKE HAYDEN, APPARENTLY WITHOUT SUCCESS. ONE REASON FOR SURPRISE THAT HAWKE AND EDLICH WOULD ENDORSE SUCH AN APPEAL IS THAT IT IS CONTRARY TO ALP PARTY POLICY WHICH SUPPORTS AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION IN ANZUS.  
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